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Iranian antiaircraft fire shot down an Iraqi plane over the Gulf on 3 February, according to the Iranian Armed Forces communique cited by IRNA. However, an Iraqi military spokesman denied Iran's claims in a statement to INA, saying Iraqi aircraft carried out "fierce and intensive" raids in "other" areas on that day.

In a separate development Athens radio reported that a Greek tanker was hit by a missile on 4 February on its way to Khark Island.

### Israel

*West Bank* — An IDF soldier was shot dead by a "terrorist" in the Ramallah area on 4 February, Jerusalem radio reported. Following this incident, the radio noted, a curfew was imposed on Ramallah and the Al-'Amari refugee camp.

*Lebanon Withdrawal* — In remarks broadcast by Jerusalem radio, Defense Minsiter Yitzhaq Rabin acknowledged that Israel has accelerated the pace of evacuating its equipment from southern Lebanon, but he added that there is no reason to justify a deviation from the set withdrawal timetable.

### Syria

Syria has protested to the British ambassador in Damascus over the British authorities' "ill-treatment of a Syrian trade delegation," SANA reported. The ambassador was also informed of Syria's "surprise" at the British media's "fabricated" stories concerning the delegation's visit. The Syrian protest follows Britain's decision to deport four men to Syria under its Prevention of Terrorism Act, as reported by the LONDON PRESS ASSOCIATION on 29 January.

### Maghreb Diplomacy

*Summit Contacts* — Tunisia's decision to issue official invitations for a Maghreb summit meeting will depend on the outcome of current Algerian-Moroccan contacts, *LE MONDE* reported.

*Algiers Visitors* — Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam and PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat arrived separately in Algiers on 4 February, according to Damascus and Algiers radios.

### Sudan

During an attack by Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA) forces on a garrison in Rumbek on 1 February, five government soldiers were killed and three wounded, according to the clandestine SPLA radio.

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**Karmal Greets Le Duan on SRV Party Anniversary**
*LD050643 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0433 GMT 5 Feb 85*

[Text] Kabul, February 4, BAKHTAR: Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, has sent a congratulatory message addressed to Le Duan, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam on the occasion of the 55th foundation anniversary of the Communist Party of that country.

The message says in part that, the heroic people of Vietnam under the leadership of their Communist Party, after having completely defeated the French and U.S. imperialism, achieved great successes in all spheres of their life.

The message expresses hope that the existing friendly relations between the DRA and Vietnam will ever further develop and expand in the interests of the peoples of the two countries and peaces and security all over the world.

**Karmal Scores 'Imperialist Interference'**
*LD032259 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 3 Feb 85*

[Interview with Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, by unidentified reporter from *VOZ DA UNIDADE*, organ of the Communist Party of Brazil; date, place not given]

[Excerpts] [Reporter] Mass media and Western press in Brazil usually say that Afghanistan has been attacked by the Soviet Union and is today an occupied country. I request on behalf of our people to hear a true and real response to this.

[Karmal] You know well that the press and mass media in the West is in the hands of the ruling exploiting and colonialist classes and leaderships. Based on the interests and character of imperialism, great monopolies, headed by the gigantic monopoly of the United States, have the mass media under their complete sway. The media is dutybound, on the one hand by distorting truth, to confuse the opinions of the people and, on the other, if their interests demand, to mislead people, feeding them deviated thinking and falsehood. Arising from this character of imperialism, the information monopoly of the West, with all its ugliness, has set out the story of the USSR's attack on and occupation of Afghanistan. By unleashing broad imperialist propaganda, they do not want to frankly speak the truth about our homeland and revolution. They wish to direct their aggressive designs against the people of the region. In this way, the forces of imperialism, by spreading fabrications and fictions concerning the timely military aid of the Soviet Union, which was implemented for the purpose of repelling the coordinated aggression of imperialism, reaction and hegemonism, try to justify their undeclared merciless war against our homeland, revolution, and people.

The imperialist bosses have forgotten their earlier imperialist interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan. The coordinating, equipping, arming, and infiltrating of bandits even goes back to before the new phase of revolution, that is the beginning of 1979. At that time, only the defense of Islam was at stake. Now they have embarked upon chanting new slogans in order to conceal the truth about the fraternal historical relations between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union and, in this manner, to hide their interferences.

The imperialists know well that the dispatch of the Soviet limited military contingents has taken place according to the official and legal request of the DRA Revolutionary Council and on the basis of the will of the people of Afghanistan for repelling the aggression of imperialism, reaction, and hegemonism, and for defending the territorial integrity, national sovereignty, and independence and gains of the national-democratic revolution of our country. This is in accordance with the Afghan-Soviet Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance of 5 December 1978, on the foundation of the previous agreements, concluded between the two countries after the restoration of Afghan independence, and also in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter. It directs no danger whatsoever at any other country, and has salvaged our country from the danger of annihilation. However, in order to stir the fire of anti-Soviet and anti-Afghan propaganda, they overlook all truth and speak of occupation, attack, etc.

It is clear to everyone that exemplary friendship exists between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union. The word occupation can only be used when a country embarks on actions against the will and legal desire of a certain country, undermining the independence and national sovereignty of that country. For example, the occupation of the independent country of Grenada, the occupation of a part of Lebanon, the occupation of Namibia, etc., etc.

The imperialists should truly think about themselves. Who is the true aggressor and occupier? Is it the imperialists or the Soviet Union which, throughout the life of the sovereignty of that country's people, has been the sincere defender of peace, freedom, and progress. The truth is that imperialists, as a result of the timely military assistance of the Soviet Union to our people, lost their expansionist designs in transforming Afghanistan into a base of aggression and hostility against the liberation movements of the people of the region, and thus are engaged in propaganda and conspiracy against us.

You surely are aware that just the United States, which directly controls the organization of an undeclared war against our country, up to date has spent more than $800 million. This amount, combined with financial and military assistance from reactionary and hegemonist collaborators, brings the total assistance to over $1 billion. The U.S. Senate has apparently earmarked $50 million per year for destabilizing the situation in the DRA, including economic sabotage and individual terror. In order to intensify the undeclared war against our country, another 475 million has been allocated for the current financial year. This figure, in addition to hundreds of millions of dollars, has been spent in this way secretly through the CIA. [10 minute break in transmission]

In addition, the spread of the international peace movement has guaranteed strength in succeeding over the sinister terroristic designs of the CIA and the Washington administration.

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### Iran-Iraq War

The Iraqi 606th Brigade "destroyed" an attacking force, killing 432 and wounding "large numbers" on the night of 5 February, according to a military communique broadcast by Voice of the Masses radio. Meanwhile, Iraqi planes bombed a "civilian target" in Bakhtaran Province on 6 February, IRNA reported.

### Lebanon

The IDF spokesman denied Lebanese claims that 100 Israeli soldiers were killed in a suicide bomb attack on IDF troops in the Tyre area, Jerusalem radio reported. The denial came after Beirut radio broadcast several reports on the suicide attack, including remarks by Minister of State Nabih Birri, who said the operation took place shortly after the 5 February roadside bomb attack on an IDF convoy. The driver of the suicide car detonated his explosives amidst a group of Israeli vehicles, killing over 100 soldiers and destroying 7 vehicles, Birri claimed, and the Israelis reacted by storming local schools, killing 5 students and wounding 57 others. For Israel's part, the IDF spokesman stated that people suspected of involvement in attacks on the IDF were arrested during an IDF "detention operation" in the Tyre area, according to IDF radio.

As for Lebanon's economic crisis, Prime Minister Rashid Karami announced that the government intends to take "additional measures" to revive the economy and stem the fall in the Lebanese pound. Speaking in an interview broadcast by Beirut radio after a Cabinet meeting, Karami also noted that the Cabinet had studied Saudi businessman Rafiq al-Hariri's plan to help the country, though it made no final decision in this regard.

### Israel

While touring sites of recent disturbances in Judaea and Samaria, Defense Minister Yitzhaq Rabin, in comments broadcast by IDF Radio, called for a "heightened" Israeli security presence but said it is not necessary to change the security policy for the area. Rabin went on to say that while Jordan continues to prevent infiltration from its territory, the PLO has easier access to the West Bank since its "entrenchment" in Amman, the radio noted.

### PLO

PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat reviewed a Palestine Liberation Army parade in Baghdad incorporating armored battalions, rocket launchers, and heavy artillery, Baghdad Voice of PLO radio reported.

### Sudan

Government forces killed 60 "outlaws" countering a 5 February offensive against Al-Nuwayr tribal villages in the Upper Nile area, according to SUNA.

### Pakistan

President Ziaul Haq denied press reports that the government is conducting a dialogue with the "defunct" political parties and reaffirmed that there will be no change in the election program, according to Karachi radio.

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## Maldives Hosts South Asian Foreign Secretaries

*BK051527 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 5 Feb 85*

[Text] The foreign secretaries of seven South Asian countries have expressed deep concern over the present world economic situation and its effect on the developing countries. Speaking at a standing committee meeting of the South Asian Regional Conference [SARC], which began in Male this morning, they underlined an urgent need for north-south dialogue, particularly on monetary and financial reforms. They said that in the present climate, closer economic cooperation aming SARC countries assumes greater significance. The secretaries reviewed the work done by the technical committee and expressed satisfaction over the formulation of regional projects. Referring to the proposed summit meeting in Dhaka at the end of the year, the secretaries commended the background paper on the subjects prepared by Maldives.

The foreign secretary, Mr Romesh Bhandari, said that India supports the idea of setting up a council of ministers as the highest policymaking body of SARC. However, he cautioned that any major changes in the SARC declaration need careful consideration.

## Indian, Pakistani Secretaries Meet

*BK070920 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 7 Feb 85*

[Text] Foreign secretaries of India and Pakistan have expressed hope of early resumption of talks on normalization of relations between the two countries. Talking to newsmen at Male today, the foreign secretary, Mr Romesh Bhandari, said he has conveyed to his Pakistani counterpart, Mr Niaz Naik, the desire expressed by the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, to give top priority to India's friendly relations with immediate neighbors based on mutual respect. Mr Bhandari said he had detailed and useful exchange of views and discussions with Mr Naik during the past 2 days. Speaking to Indian newsmen, the Pakistan foreign secretary said he is optimistic of resumption of dialogue between the two sides on the no-war pact and the peace and friendship treaty. He said the hijackers of the Indian Airlines plane now in the custody of Pakistan will be put on trial early next month.

The All India Radio special correspondent, Ananta Charlu, reports from Male that Mr Romesh Bhandari also had extensive discussions with the Sri Lankan foreign minister, Mr Jayasinghe. The talks were reported to be cordial and helpful.

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### Jaruzelski To Investigate Involvement in Spy Case

*BK121600 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Feb 85*

[Text] India and Poland will soon enter into a new phase in their economic relations. Following the high-level discussions held in New Delhi during the last 2 days between the two countries, it has been decided that the emphasis will now shift from trade to joint ventures and enlarged cooperation in science and technology.

This was disclosed by the visiting prime minister of Poland, General Jaruzelski, at a news conference in New Delhi today. He said the trade between the two countries has shown marked improvement in the last 2 years. Poland's trade with the West in the last 2 years has suffered as a result of the economic restrictions imposed by the United States. Therefore, it is now strengthening its relations with the socialist countries and developing nations, particularly India.

He said the Polish delegation which visited the engineering trade fair in the capital today was greatly impressed by the recent strides taken by India in the field of industry. In his opening statement, the Polish prime minister said his country greatly values its friendship with India, which is playing an important role in the international field. He referred to India's chairmanship of the Nonaligned Movement and the recent initiative in holding the 6-nation summit on peace and nuclear disarmament. Poland, he said, has wholeheartedly supported the New Delhi declaration issued after the summit. He also spoke of India's political and moral authority in pursuing a policy of world peace.

In reply to questions about the reported involvement of an employee of the Polish Embassy in the espionage case, Gen Jaruzelski said that his government would fully investigate the matter. The results would be conveyed to India. This subject figured in the talks he had with the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi. The talks, he said, were characterized by frankness and mutual trust. In view of the very friendly relation between the two countries, Poland has no need to resort to dubious means to get any information.

Gen Jaruzelski said Mr Rajiv Gandhi has accepted an invitation to pay an official visit to Poland. The date of the visit would be worked out through diplomatic channels, keeping in view the convenience of both the countries. He assured the people of India that Mr Rajiv Gandhi would be welcomed in Poland with the greatest respect and sympathy. He said his meetings with the president, Giani Zail Singh, and the vice president, Mr Venkataraman, were very cordial. The Polish prime minister and his delegation will leave for Madras tomorrow.

### Sri Lanka Denies Reports on Mannar Killings

*BK121630 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Feb 85*

[Text] The Sri Lanka High Commission in New Delhi today denied a report of killing of 32 men by the Army in Mannar area 12 days ago. A London newspaper had carried the report by its South Asia correspondent based on interviews with some women. The High Commission in a press release said that the veracity of the story has been checked and found false. However, it admitted killing of eight persons, whom it decribed as terrorists.

### Congress-I Expels Rebel Candidates From Party

*BK121621 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Feb 85*

[Text] The Congress-I general secretary, Mr Srikant Verma, has said that rebel candidates who contest against the official candidates stand automatically expelled from the party. Briefing newsmen in New Delhi today, he said that the number of rebel candidates is not large.

The Pradesh (State) Congress-I presidents, who are arriving in New Delhi tomorrow, will apprise the party leadership about the latest position regarding the official candidates.

### Court Rules on Elections in Punjab, Assam

*BK120754 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 12 Feb 85*

[Text] The Supreme Court has dismissed a petition challenging the validity of the Representation of the People Amendment Ordinance 1984 and the notification issued under it for holding the eighth Lok Sabha elections, excluding Punjab and Assam. The order was passed yesterday by a division bench. The petition moved by the Indian Democratic Party contended that the notification, which excluded the two states, was beyond the legislative competence of the union government.

### Sikh Youth Arrested for Assaulting Head Priest

*BK121618 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Feb 85*

[Text] In Amritsar, a youth who allegedly assaulted the head granthi [Sikh priest], of the Akal Takht [highest seat of Sikh religion], Giani Preetam Singh, has been handed over to the police. According to Shiromani Gurdeara Prabandhak [Sikh temple management] committee sources, Giani Preetam Singh was reading the Granthsahib [Sikh religious book] in the morning when the youth manhandled him. He was immediately overpowered by the sevadars [volunteers]. The identity of the youth is not yet known.

### PATRIOT on Response to Pakistan Nuclear Bomb

*BK071619 Delhi PATRIOT in English 1 Feb 85 p 4*

[Editorial: "Nuclear Open"]

[Text] Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, it would appear, has removed all doubts about how India would react if Pakistan made a nuclear bomb. He is reported to have told an Indian fortnightly magazine that this country would have to review policy "to see how we are going to counter that imbalance." In bald terms it means the restoration of the nuclear option which both Janata Prime Minister Morarji Desai and Indira Gandhi had foreclosed

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**Pakistani Armed Incursions 'Strongly Condemned'**
*LD131648 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 13 Feb 85*

[Text] The charge d'affaires of the Pakistani Embassy in Kabul was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs today at 1130 and the following points were made to him by the official in charge of the First Political Department:

According to reports from relevant DRA authorities, armed and irresponsible aggression by the Pakistani forces is continuing against the residential areas of Barikowt, Konar Province, Bangasht area and Chamkani District, and Paktia Province, near DRA territory. As a result of these attacks and aggressions, using reactive rockets, artillery, mortars, and heavy machine guns, a large number of the inhabitants of these areas, including women and children, have been martyred and substantial material damage has been caused.

The attacks have been specially intensified during the last month. On 18 Dalw [6 February] an Afghan helicopter which was supplying foodstuff to the inhabitants of Barikowt was hit by bullets; also 200 reactive bullets were fired on 17, 19, and 20 Dalw [5, 7, and 8 February] into the residential areas of Bangasht. According to undeniable evidence, Pakistani militia were directly involved and were cooperating in recent attacks on the garrisons of Chamkani and Bangasht.

The relevant DRA authorities strongly condemn the repeated attacks by the military forces of Pakistan, the ever increasing arming of bandits who are sent into DRA territory for terror and destruction and the direct cooperation of Pakistani militia with these murdering, plundering bands, and strongly protest to the Pakistani government as a result.

He was also reminded that the Pakistani authorities should end these aggressions and armed intervention which endanger peace and security in the borders as soon as possible, otherwise the grave and heavy responsibility stemming from them will rest with the military authorities of Pakistan.

**PDPA Official on Karmal's Health, Other Issues**
*LD131542 Paris Domestic Service in French 1200 GMT 13 Feb 85*

[Excerpts] [Unidentified presenter] Sixty Soviet soldiers were reported killed last month during an ambush laid by members of the resistance not far from Qandahar in Afghanistan. Another piece of information that remains unconfirmed is that Mr Babrak Karmal, leader of Afghanistan, is reported to be ill. This is not the first time this has been said, but his illness is reported to be sufficiently serious for Mr Karmal to have to give up his position, and there is already talk of General Nazar Muhammad, the current defense minister, as his replacement. Our guest is Mr Asad Keshtmand who came to Paris to attend the Communist Party congress. Mr Keshtmand, you are in a way, let us say, the spokesman of the Kabul government?

[Keshtmand] Of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA] rather. [not further identified]

[Presenter] Let us take things in order: For example, these rumors of Mr Karmal's illness? Can you perhaps tell me whether they are true?

[Keshtmand] I left Kabul about 10 days ago and Comrade Karmal was very, very well.

[Presenter] So it is false?

[Keshtmand] I left Kabul 10 days ago. [brief indistinct exchange]

[Presenter] But I mean the rumor does not date from last week.

[Keshtmand] As far as the second part of your question is concerned, there is no question of replacing Comrade Karmal. Comrade Karmal is a longstanding fighter, a very well-known political personality in our country, the founder of our party, someone who is very well loved and known in our country. So, there is no question of that.

[Presenter] But surely there is nothing dishonorable, blackening, or injurious in considering that a head of state is perhaps ill. In a country like Afghanistan if Mr Babrak Karmal is unwell, it can clearly, effectively, pose political problems; that is simply the question which arises.

[Keshtmand] I think it is rather the lack of information about Afghanistan that slightly bothers the Western mass media.

[Presenter] That is indeed true. If we had more information on Afghanistan, we could speak more normally.

[Keshtmand] What I meant was that since they have no other information, they create it. I think it is a simple invention about the health of Comrade Karmal.

[Presenter] Well, we shall go on to the military operations. It is the same thing, the uncertainty: Reports are always unconfirmed, but in the end isn't there still fighting?

[Keshtmand] You see, there is a war in our country; what we call the undeclared war. There is blatant intervention from the Americans, the Pakistanis, the Egyptians, the Saudis, and certain Western countries. We have never denied there is a war in our country. There is damage, there are deaths, there are difficulties, but all are due to a certain open intervention from foreign countries operating from Pakistan.

[Presenter] Ulysse Gosset...

[Gosset, Paris Domestic reporter] Mr Keshtmand, I would like to know who controls Afghanistan today. Is it the Soviets or the Afghans, because the Soviets are present in force — they number more than 100,000 men, there is even talk now of 150,000 to 200,000 men — what power do you Afghans have today in Afghanistan?

[Keshtmand] We have complete power to control our country. Allow me, Mr Gosset to say: If the existence of foreign military forces in a country means that country is occupied, well, you know very well but I shall remind you that there are I think more

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### PLO-Jordan

Following 2 days of meetings in Tunis, the PLO Executive Committee issued a statement, published by Amman's *AL-DUSTUR*, stating that the PLO Executive Committee approved the Palestinian-Jordanian plan for action. The statement noted that the plan of action is based on rejecting "capitulatory plans" including Security Council Resolution 242.

### Lebanon

*Security* — The IDF killed one "terrorist" and arrested five suspects during searches in the southern village of Tibnin, the IDF spokesman announced in a statement carried by ITIM. As for the Beirut area, Voice of Lebanon radio announced that Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) militia killed a French officer in an attack on a French observers' position in Al-Shuwayfat.

*Politics* — Former President Sulayman Franjiyah and Druze Shaykh Muhammad Abu Shaqra called for President Amin al-Jumayyil's resignation in statements reported respectively by Ihdin Radio of Free and Unified Lebanon and the PSP's clandestine Voice of the Mountain radio. A PSP source cited by the Voice of the Mountain announced that PSP leader Walid Junblatt will not attend cabinet sessions until the government carries out promised reforms. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Rashid Karami denied rumors of an impending cabinet reshuffle, according to MENA.

### Sudan

*U.S. Aid* — President Ja'far Numayri, at a press conference reported by Omdurman radio, stressed that Sudan has not received any "official information" from the U.S. Government on the suspension of assistance.

*SPLA Controlled Areas* — The Sudanese People's Liberation Army is in "full control" of the Equatoria region and is occupying the town of Waw in the Upper Nile Region, according to JANA.

### Iranian Economy

In line with the government's policy of strengthening the private sector, it is planning to sell industries confiscated from supporters of the shah's regime, Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi announced in a speech broadcast by Tehran Radio. The aim is to encourage "small capital," he said, and the employees of these factories will be given first preference in the sale of shares. Denying that the government has "gone toward nationalization in practice," he pointed out that the state sector accounts for only one-ninth of the total capital of registered companies. He also contended that Iran has a "healthy" economy despite the war and "conspiracies," asserting that inflation has fallen to 11.9 percent and that investment and output are growing.

### Afghanistan

*Foreign Relations* — A DRA Foreign Ministry official informed the Pakistani charge d'affaires in Kabul that Afghanistan rejects as "completely baseless and untrue" Pakistani claims that two Afghan planes bombed the Kharlachi area on 11 February, BAKHTAR reported.

*Mujahidin Operation* — In what is considered the "biggest" mujahidin operation in almost a year, 30 Soviet and DRA soldiers were killed and 10 Soviet trucks were destroyed in an ambush near Qandahar on 13 February, Riyadh radio noted citing sources "very close" to the Afghan mujahidin.

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### AFP: Karmal Makes 'Rare' Visit to Kabul

*HK191150 Hong Kong AFP in English 1144 GMT 19 Feb 85*

[Text] Islamabad, Feb 19 (AFP) — Afghan guerrillas were believed to have destroyed 10 Soviet tanker trucks in a night ambush on a convoy near Qandahar last Wednesday, killing 30 Soviet and Afghan soldiers, the AFGHAN ISLAMIC PRESS which backs the guerrillas said today.

The attack appeared to signal a revival of resistance in the Qandahar region.

At the same time, according to security sources, resistance activities had recently fallen off considerably in the Afghan capital Kabul.

The AFGHAN ISLAMIC PRESS, based in the northwest Pakistani city of Peshawar near the border, said last Wednesday's attack near Qandahar was the biggest against a military convoy for more than a year.

The guerrillas, using rockets, also destroyed a tank and two troop transports escorting the convoy, which had halted near a Soviet military post west of Qandahar for the night, it said.

In recent guerrilla activity, a Western diplomatic source here said, 12 Afghan officials had been killed by guerrillas in Qandahar old city last Tuesday, and three helicopters destroyed on the ground at the city limits a week earlier.

Guerrillas also destroyed three troop transport helicopters on the ground last week near Ghazni, between Qandahar and Kabul.

In Kabul, where guerrilla activity had fallen, Western embassies were still reporting sporadic rocket fire in western districts and near the airport, security sources said.

But these did not seem to have killed anyone, or caused heavy damage.

Security had also noticably eased in Kabul, where supplies remained satisfactory, the sources added.

Probably to counter rumours among Western diplomats that he was about to be dismissed, President Babrak Karmal had made one of his rare visits in the city a few days ago, widely covered by official television.

The West German and U.S. Embassies had meanwhile protested to the Afghan Government and Soviet Embassy against Soviet use of "fireball" flares during landing and takeoff at the military airport.

These were intended to divert guerrilla ground-to-air missiles. The West German mission had been hit by "fireballs" three times, a Western diplomatic source said.

There had also been a blaze on the U.S. Embassy lawn.

Soviet Antonov transport planes used at least 48 flares each time they landed, the source said.

### Pakistani Envoy Summoned on Airspace Violations

*LD191340 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1130 GMT 19 Feb 85*

[Text] Kabul, 19 Feb, (BAKHTAR) — The charge d'affaires of the Pakistani Embassy in Kabul was summoned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday at 0930. The official in charge of the First Political Department read the following statement to him:

Pakistani authorities have recently once again claimed that two Afghan aircraft entered Parachinar airspace on 11 February and dropped two bombs in an area 3 km southeast of Kharlachi.

The relevant DRA authorities regard this claim of the Pakistani authorities as a completely baseless and untrue allegation and resolutely reject it. The DRA authorities once again demand the responsible authorities of Pakistan to refrain from making such baseless allegations and hostile propaganda against the DRA which will intensify tension in the region.

### Polish Military Paper Interviews Saddiqi

*AU151640 Warsaw ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI in Polish 12 Feb 85 pp 1, 5*

[Interview given by Major General Muhammed Yasin Saddiqi, secretary of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan Central Committee and chief of the Main Political Administration of the Afghan Armed Forces, to *ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI*: "You Cannot Turn Back the Clock of History" — date, place not given; first paragraph is *ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI* introduction]

[Excerpts] The *ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI* editorial board has asked Major General M. Yasin Saddiqi to reply to a number of questions.

[*ZOLNIERZ WOLNOSCI*] Not so long ago the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan [PDPA] celebrated its 20th anniversary. What is its position in the country and what are the stages of its political and organizational struggle?

[Saddiqi] The PDPA and its General Secretary Babrak Karmal have received a congratulatory message in connection with the 20th anniversary of our party. Although 20 years are a historically short period of time, our party has scored many achievements. It was responsible for the victory of the revolution and has been in power for almost 7 years, bearing responsibility before our people, our fatherland, and history. The following factors make it possible for it to fulfill its historic mission:

1) The party continues to daily improve its leading revolutionary theory and to consciously lead the social movement;

2) The PDPA is a party of the workers class and all working people, which means that it represents the basic interests of the leading classes and groups of our people and the interests of all our people and our fatherland;

3) The PDPA is a developed sociopolitical force and represents that form of class organization in which the experience and

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### Lebanon

*IDF Operations* — The IDF killed two "terrorists" and captured another during searches in the village of Al-Bazuriyah, Jerusalem radio reported. The Israelis interrogated local residents and demolished buildings in the village, the radio said, and IDF sources viewed the operation as part of a new "iron fist" policy against those suspected of attacks. The latest operations by the IDF and ASL followed Defense Minister Yitzhaq Rabin's decision to adopt firmer measures including summary arrests and the demolition of houses of terrorists or suspects, according to *MA'ARIV*. The Israelis are also considering a policy of deportations and other punitive measures, the paper added.

*French Observers* — French observers evacuated their post in Al-Shuwayfat following the recent killing of a French officer, the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported.

*Syria, Libya Visits* — A Lebanese parliamentary delegation was received by Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad in Damascus, while PSP leader Walid Junblatt held talks with Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi in Libya, according to Damascus and Tripoli radios.

### Israel

Prime Minister Shim'on Peres arrived in Bucharest on an official visit at the invitation of the Romanian president, AGERPRES announced. Earlier, following talks with Italian leaders, Peres told a press conference in Rome that he is "ready to go to Amman" and he reiterated Israel's invitation to King Husayn to come to Jerusalem and "announce whatever he has in his mind," according to AFP. Meanwhile, the GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE published Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir's recent speech to the World Council of Synagogues in which he said there is "no chance whatsoever" that Israel will even consider relinquishing control over Judaea and Samaria, adding that the withdrawal from Lebanon cannot be taken as a precedent for a return to the borders of 1967 with Jordan. Shamir also expressed "profound regret" that Egypt has behaved as though the peace treaty was only an instrument to regain the Sinai, after which it has disengaged from any further efforts to advance the peace process. He accused the Egyptians of exaggerating the Tabah question out of all proportion, and voiced concern over "hostile propaganda" in the Egyptian press.

### Algeria

Foreign Minister Ahmed Taleb Ibrahimi discussed the international situation and regional issues with Polish Foreign Minister Stefan Olszowski, who is on a 3-day visit to Algeria, Algiers radio reported.

### Iran

Hojjat ol-Eslam Mohammad 'Ali Ansari-Kermani, in a speech broadcast by Tehran radio, said that Ayatollah Ruholiah Khomeyni is "perfectly healthy" and has cut back on his official activities because he wants officials to become "intellectually self-reliant" and creative in carrying out their duties.

### Afghanistan

A security forces spokesman in Balkh Province announced that two leaders of the Jami'at Islami group have been killed in the last month as a result of successful operations, Kabul radio reported.

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### Egypt-Israel

Reacting to a call by Egyptian President Husni Mubarak, in a *NEW YORK TIMES* interview, for Middle East negotiations between Israel and a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation hosted by the United States or Egypt, Israeli Prime Minister Shim'on Peres said Israel must subject Mubarak's proposal to a "positive and precise" examination, and he added that Israel accepts the idea of direct negotiations with a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation provided it does not include PLO representatives, according to Jerusalem radio. Israeli political sources cited by the radio subsequently welcomed Mubarak's ideas as the "first practical proposals" by an Arab leader for direct negotiations between Israel and its neighbors.

In a related development, Egyptian presidential adviser Usamah al-Baz denied reports that he would visit Israel for talks with Prime Minister Peres, Jerusalem radio disclosed. However, Israeli Energy Minister Moshe Shahal was dispatched by Peres to Cairo for preliminary Middle East talks with President Mubarak, the radio noted.

### Israel

An explosion wounded two people in Ashdod on 26 February and police think it was caused by a "terrorist" device, IDF radio reported.

### Lebanon

Two car-bomb explosions in the Al-Shiyah district of southern Beirut killed 6 people and wounded 30 others, Beirut radio announced. The explosions followed clashes between Amal movement and Hizballah gunmen in southern Beirut, reported by Voice of Lebanon radio.

In southern Lebanon the IDF searched two more villages, arresting several suspected terrorists and demolishing a house where equipment was found, according to Israeli military sources cited by ITIM. Three "terrorists" were injured while trying to escape, the sources disclosed.

### Iran

The Foreign Ministry presented the Kuwaiti charge d'affaires with a formal note, broadcast by Tehran Radio, protesting the imprisonment and "torture" by Kuwaiti security authorities of five Iranians living in Kuwait.

### Afghanistan

The DRA Foreign Ministry, in a statement carried by BAKHTAR, accused Pakistan of sending troops across the border on 23 February for an attack on Barikowt garrison in which 9 Afghans were killed or wounded.

### Pakistan

Following the completion of the 25 February National Assembly elections the Federal Cabinet was dissolved, Karachi radio reported. Ministers who had not participated in the elections were asked to remain in office until a new government is formed, the radio added. Incidents connected with the 25 February polling were reported in various areas including the death of two people in Sahiwal during a clash between rival groups, the radio acknowledged.

### Al-Qadhdhafi Address to Black Americans

Libya is prepared to "train and arm" black Americans in their "struggle" to establish an independent state and army, Libyan leader Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi told the "Nation of Islam" conference in Chicago in a satellite-relayed address reported by Tripoli radio.

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"Several thousand" Equatoria citizens recently joined the Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA) forces, the clandestine SPLA radio reported.

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**Karmal Sends Condolences on Official's Death**
*LD251929 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 25 Feb 85*

[Text] The DRA Revolutionary Council Secretariat reports with profound regret that Muhammad Sa'id Afghani, member of the Revolutionary Council, deputy chairman of the Central Council of the DRA National Fatherland Front, and president of the Supreme Council of the ulema and religious leaders of the DRA, died this morning in the DRA Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences Hospital as a result of a heart attack following a lengthy illness. He was 63 years old.

Hearing the news of the death of Dr Sa'id Afghani, Babrak Karmal expressed his regret and offered his condolences to the religious community of the country and to Afghani's family. Dr Sa'id Afghani's funeral will be held tomorrow.

**Najibullah Attends Meetings in Paktia, Paktika**
*LD230550 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 22 Feb 85*

[Text] Najibullah, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo recently took part in the tribal assembly of the elders, leaders and representatives of the working people of the 14 villages of the center of Paktia Province in Gardez. During this assembly, Najibullah invited the representatives of these villages' tribes to make their proposals and demands in a free and democratic atmosphere. In return, on behalf of the working people of these villages, Senator Bahram, Haji Kandahar, Haji Fayz Muhammad and Haji Abdurrahman presented their proposals and demands for solving local problems and the necessary decisions were adopted regarding them in a free and democratic atmosphere.

During the tribal assembly, Najibullah spoke on the progressive objectives of the revolutionary party and government and expressed hope that all tribes and nationalities of the country would share the advantages of a prosperous life envisaged in the principled policy of the party and government in light of the new development stage of the April Revolution. He added that at this sensitive period in the country, where an undeclared war was waged against our people and homeland by the reaction of the region at the orders of their imperialist masters, headed by U.S. imperialism, it is the historical duty of all our working people to bravely defend the gains of the April Revolution in a united manner and under the leadership of the PDPA.

At the end of this tribal assembly, attended also by the head of the southeastern zone, the participants pledged that the Paktia Province tribes and nationalities, in unity and under the leadership of the PDPA, are ready for self-sacrifice in defense of the country and the gains of the April Revolution.

A BAKHTAR correspondent reports from Gardez that on 20 February Najibullah also took part in the meeting of officials of the Paktia Province party and government joint headquarters, which was held in that province. At the session, Najibullah spoke and specified the tasks of relevant organs in attracting and ensuring the active participation of the border tribes in intensifying political and ideological work among the tribes and nationalities, defense of the country's borders and in the struggle against the counterrevolutionary elements.

Minister of agriculture and land reform, Abdul Ghaffar Lakanwal; minister of public works, Nazar Muhammad; minister of irrigation and water resources, Ahmad Shah Sorkhabi; minister of public health, Nabi Kamyar; commander of Paktia Province Army Corps No 3, Brigadier General Muhammad Afzal Ludin; head of the southeastern zone, Major General Ghulam Nabi Yusofi; and the secretary of the Paktia Province party committee attended the session.

According to another report, the meeting of officials of the Paktika Province party and government joint headquarters was held yesterday.

The session, which was attended by Najibullah, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo, specified the future duties of the officials of the party and state organs and necessary decisions were adopted concerning the work and activities of these headquarters.

Najibullah and his accompanying delegation also visited the units and companies of Paktika Province's Sarandoy and operational battalion and spoke to the officers and troops on the great tasks ahead of them in defense of the lofty aspirations of the April Revolution.

**Sarboland Takes Part in Nurzaii Tribal Jirga**
*LD252217 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 25 Feb 85*

[Text] Abdul Majid Sarboland, deputy chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, took part today in a tribal jirga of the elders and leaders of the Nurzaii tribes. Brigadier General Muhammad, head of the southern zone, was also present.

During the jirga, Abdul Majid Sarboland conveyed warm greetings and good wishes from Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council, to the elders and leaders of the Nurzaii tribe, and in a friendly and sincere statement told them:

The PDPA and the DRA state want to solve the problems and difficulties of the people through discussions and the formation of tribal jirgas and local councils and in this way achieve further successes in maintaining security, tranquillity, and prosperity for the people with their own help.

In light of Babrak Karmal's instructions, Abdul Majid Sarboland said: The party and state make every effort to implement plans in all areas of life, including the economic, social, and cultural areas, with your help and participation for the interests of our working compatriots.

A BAKHTAR correspondent reports that during the jirga the audience spoke of a series of problems and proposals; Sarboland gave the local party and state authorities instructions for solving them.

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### Egypt-Israel

Israeli Prime Minister Shim'on Peres met with Egyptian presidential envoy Usamah al-Baz in Jerusalem on 26 February, according to Jerusalem radio. While official sources refused to confirm that the Egyptian envoy is really Usamah al-Baz, they said an announcement on the talks will be made on 27 February, the radio noted. Meanwhile, amidst official "optimism" over Egyptian President Husni Mubarak's initiative, Jerusalem television reported that the inner cabinet will meet on 28 February for an "initial debate."

In a related development, Fatah Central Committee member Salah Khalaf expressed "astonishment" over President Mubarak's statements, saying that they "ignore" the PLO's role in any possible negotiations, Radio Monte Carlo announced.

### Israel

The state budget proposal includes financing for two new settlements in Judaea and Samaria, according to *HATZOFE*. The government had decided on the establishment of six new settlements but there are no funds for four of them, the paper noted.

### Lebanon

Israel will continue its "heavy handed" policy in Lebanon as a result of which 37 "terrorists" have been killed or wounded, Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhaq Rabin told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in remarks reported by Jerusalem radio. He also criticized UNIFIL for obstructing IDF operations against Shi'ite terrorism, describing the French troops as "the biggest bastards," according to Jerusalem television. Meanwhile, the Israelis have imposed overnight curfews in all villages south of the Al-Litani River, Jerusalem radio noted, and they have banned riding motorcycles and driving cars without passengers. As for Israel's Shi'ite opponents, the "Al-Sadr suicide brigade" informed *AL-SAFIR* that it intends to launch seven suicide operations against U.S. and Israeli institutions worldwide if the Israelis continue their "genocide" operations in southern Lebanon, according to TANJUG.

In Damascus, the Syrian foreign minister condemned Israel's "brutal actions" in Lebanon during a meeting with the ambassadors of the permanent members of the UN Security Council, Damascus television reported. A Lebanese official in Beirut likewise summoned the ambassadors of the same countries to the Foreign Ministry to urge their support for Lebanon's complaint against Israel lodged with the Security Council, Beirut radio noted. In a related report, Voice of Lebanon radio disclosed that the Soviet ambassador had confirmed the USSR's willingness to supply Lebanon with "all sorts of defenses."

Commenting on the results of his recent visit to Syria, Phalange Party Leader Elie Karamah welcomed "the change in relationship and the re-establishment of cordial and useful relations with Damascus," the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon reported. Contacts will continue between the two sides in order to "rectify" the picture of the Lebanese situation received by Syrian officials, he added, and the Phalangists are confident that the recent deterioration of the security situation in the Al-Kharrub region will not go beyond "certain limits" because of Syria's "reassuring" stand.

### Iran-Iraq War

*Kuwaiti Tanker Incident* — During talks with Japanese Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe, Iranian Heavy Industries Minister Behazad Nabavi "formally expressed regret" over the 18 February rocket attack on a Kuwaiti container ship in the Gulf which resulted in the death of a Japanese seaman, KYODO reported. While Nabavi did not confirm that the attack was made by an Iranian plane, he pledged that Iran "will ensure" safe navigation in the Gulf, the agency added.

*POW Issue* — Responding to Iran's announcement about releasing disabled POW's, an Iraqi Foreign Ministry spokesman cited by Baghdad radio said Iraq is ready to receive any prisoners Iran releases to Turkish authorities. Iran's UN representative announced that Iran will boycott a UN Security Council meeting requested by Iraq to discuss the UN observers POW report, according to Voice of the Masses radio.

### Pakistan

*Elections* — According to provisional results from the 25 February National Assembly elections "several big names" were defeated and a "substantial number" of young legislators were elected, Karachi radio reported, in an "impressive" voter turnout. Among those defeated were the ministers for defense, labor, and culture, according to AFP.

*DRA Protest* — The government rejected a DRA protest that 400 persons crossed the border from Pakistan and attacked Barikowt on 23 February, Karachi radio announced.

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## BAKHTAR Comments on Pakistani Armed Aggression

*LD270037 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 26 Feb 85*

[Political commentary by BAKHTAR Information Agency]

[Text] The military regime of Pakistan, misinterpreting the patience of the revolutionary DRA, has not only continued the ever-increasing undeclared imperialist war against our country, but has recently intensified irresponsible and direct armed aggression against our revolutionary country.

Yesterday's protest by the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the armed aggression by 400 men of the Pakistani military forces, accompanied by the counterrevolutionary bands inside the territory of our country in the Barikowt area, is the best manifestation of the daily increasing adventures by the Islamabad regime.

This is not the first time that the Pakistani militarists in collusion and collaboration with the murderous counter-revolutionary bands have encroached upon our country, but the Pakistani militarist forces stationed in Afghanistan's neighboring countries have, bandit-like, embarked upon varieties of armed provocation against the sacred territory of our homeland.

The Pakistani units' aggressions on 11 October in Barikowt region; Pakistan's armed attack on 16, 17 and 18 October in Barikowt and Bangash regions; Pakistan's armed aggression in Zazi on 17 October; and aggressions on 1, 2 and 3 December on the Barikowt region, Konar province, Zazi, Paktia Province; Pakistan's armed provocations from 24 to 29 December in Barikowt region; the attack by a 250-man Pakistani militia on 28 December on the Bangash village and frontier post; mass artillery firing by the Pakistani forces in Barikowt on 6 and 7 January; the attack by the Pakistani militia against the Chamkani frontier garrison and Bangash, utilizing reactive [as heard] shells and heavy weapons on 5, 7 and 8 January and finally the attack of 23 January, as a result of which dozens of military men, innocent civilians, children, women and Afghan men were martyred or wounded and which destroyed a large number of houses, are all evidence and undeniable testimonies to the intensification of direct aggression and irresponsible armed interventions of the Pakistani military regime against the DRA.

Notwithstanding repeated protests to the Pakistani authorities by the DRA concerning these persistent aggressions by the military regime and the provocative armed interference of that country in our borders, the Government of Pakistan has not only paid no attention to these protests, which emanate from the observation of good neighborliness and revolutionary broad-mindedness, but is intensifying such armed aggression which carries grave consequences.

As has been repeatedly stated in the DRA Ministry of Foreign Affairs protests, Pakistan, by committing these dangerous adventures — which in fact brand them as a mindless tool directed by the United States — plays with a fire whose smoke will blind its eyes.

## Editorial on Talks To Ease Regional Tension

*LD251241 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0427 GMT 25 Feb 85*

[Text] Kabul, February 24, BAKHTAR: The Government of the DRA has focussed attention to the normalisation of the situation around Afghanistan which has been aggravated as a result of the policy followed by world imperialism headed by the USA, writes *HAQIQAT-E ENQELAB-E GUR* editorial.

The realistic and constructive proposal of May 14, 1980 and August 24, 1981 set forth by the DRA cover all sides of the situations around Afghanistan. Proposals not only suggest the cessation of imperialist interventions in the internal affairs of Afghanistan but also help in improving the political atmosphere throughout the world.

Political efforts of the DRA are being devoted to improve its relations with its neighbours and the ensuring of stability in the region. It is on the basis of these efforts and initiatives that the Geneva talks have been continuing through the representative of UN secretary general since June 1982 and some specific progress has been made. But, whenever some ground has been established for the progress of the talks, the enemies of Afghanistan have tried to undermine it.

Enemies of Afghanistan have created obstacles in the talks and have rejected constructive proposals of the DRA which are the only way for the solution of the situation around Afghanistan.

In order to cover up their aggressive plans and to materialize the U.S. plans for keeping Pakistan as a springboard of aggression and as a political military base of imperialism against Afghanistan, the Soviet Union, India and the countries of the Gulf region, the enemies of the DRA have made political use of the so-called Afghanistan issue.

The postponement of the fourth round of Geneva talks [words indistinct] Government of Pakistan and the adoption of a reluctant position by that country, testify to the fact that the conductors of the undeclared war against the DRA endeavour to keep the (?region) around tense and to fish in the troubled waters.

The solution of the situation around Afghanistan calls for political foresight, goodwill and honest participation in the talks. Pretexts and unnecessary prolongation of the talks run counter to the cause of peace and security of the peoples in the region.

## Trade Between USSR, DRA Increased in 1984

*LD270805 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 26 Feb 85*

[Text] The volume of trade between the DRA and the Soviet Union during 1984 increased about one-third in comparison to 1983.

A Soviet spokesman told a TASS correspondent that the trade turnover between Afghanistan and the Soviet Union during 1984 reached R900 million. Close economic relations between the Soviet Union and the DRA manifests the increasing friendship between the peoples of Afghanistan and the Soviet Union.

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